Causes of the Cold War Notes

FQ: How did war time allies become post war enemies?

| Long Term Causes | • Western democracies were hostile to the idea of communist states.  
|                 | • It took 16 years for the US to recognize the Soviet Union as a country.  
|                 | • 1920s Red Scare.  
|                 | • US businesses leaders feared the consequences of a politically driven workers' organization.  
| World War II    | • Stalin was enraged it took so long to open another front.  
|                 | • Soviet Union lost 20 million citizens.  
|                 | • US terminated the Lend-Lease program even before the war ended.  
|                 | • Soviets believed in communism.  
| Yalta Agreements | • Stalin did not uphold his promise to allow liberated countries to choose their own governments.  
| Not Upheld      | • He also did not declare war on Japan within three months of war ending in Europe.  
|                 | • He did so between the dropping of the atomic bomb on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, expecting his territorial concession.  
| Potsdam Agreement | • Allies had agreed Germany would be divided, democratized, and de-Nazified.  
| Not Upheld      | • Once war trials began, Allies were to set a date for an election and begin withdrawing from Germany.  
|                 | • Stalin did not withdraw his troops from Germany or any other Eastern European country.  
| Long Term Effects | • Arms race between superpowers  
|                 | • Superpower rivalry for world power  
|                 | • Superpowers become involved in the affairs of other countries  
|                 | • Environment is polluted.  
| Short Term Effects | • Truman Doctrine and Marshall Plan  
|                 | • East and West tension over Berlin.  
|                 | • NATO and Warsaw Pact created to help fight the Cold War.  
|                 | • McCarthyism  
| Truman Doctrine | • President Truman’s way to stop the spread of communism was containment.  
|                 | • To help contain communism, Truman promised countries financial, military, and economic support to prevent communist takeover.  
|                 | • Greece and Turkey were some of the first countries to receive aid from the United States to fight Communism.  
| Marshall Plan | • European countries lay in shambles after World War II.  
|                 | • Factories, farms, roads, train tracks, electric plants, and homes were destroyed.  
|                 | • Fearing communism would make headway in Western Europe, the US provided $13 billion to help rebuild Europe between 1948-1952.  
|                 | • The West viewed the Marshall Plan as defensive measure to stop communism from spreading into Western Europe.  
|                 | • Stalin saw the Marshall Plan as a way to integrate Eastern European countries into the capitalist trading block of Western Europe.  

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(What three things did you learn about the Cold War from this video?)